

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JUNE 12, 1858.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. WRIGHT submitted the following

REPORT.

The Committee to Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses of the Senate, to whom was referred the resolution of the Senate "that the binders of the Congressional Globe and Appendix for the 34th Congress be paid the same price per volume as is allowed by law for binding the same for the 35th Congress," report :

That, by a public advertisement, dated September 17, 1856, the Secretary of the Senate invited proposals "for binding the Congressional Globe and Appendix for the 1st and 2d sessions of the 34th Congress, ordered by the Senate. The volumes to be bound uniformly with the sample to be seen in the Secretary's office, in a strong and substantial manner, with Russia leather backs and corners, with No. 25 binders' boards, and covered with marble paper ; and the price to include waste paper and all other materials. The binding to be executed to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Senate, or such person as he may employ to inspect the work ; and if any volumes are not bound to his satisfaction, the contractor will be required to rebind them without additional charge, or they will be re-bound at his expense, as the Secretary may direct ; and if they cannot be re-bound, the contractor will be required to pay for them. The Globe and Appendix for the 1st and 2d sessions will be in three volumes, averaging about 1,300 pages each. A separate proposal will be received for all the copies of each volume. They must be delivered, one-half before the first Monday in December next, and the residue on or before the first Monday in January next. The volumes to be paid for as they are delivered."

In pursuance of said advertisement, the following proposals were received :

Names.	Price per volume.			Awarded to—
	Vol. 1.	Vol. 2.	Vol. 3.	
	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>	
E. Lycett.....	60 and 65	60 and 65	60 and 65	
T. M. Triplett	60	60	60	
J. W. Arnold & Co.....	45	45	45	
H. De Camp.....	24½	24½	24½	Withdrawn after the opening of the bids.
W. Pettibone	60	60	60	
S. De Camp.....	39	39	39	S. De Camp.
J. P. McKean.....	50	50	50	
A. Sergeant.....	50	50	50	
M. A. Dubois.....	60	60	60	
Thomas & Gibson.....	55	55	55	
G. Scott Roe.....	37	37	37	Withdrawn after the opening of the bids.

Mr. De Camp being the lowest bidder, a contract was entered into with him for the execution of the work, at 39 cents per volume. The work has been done and is paid for at that price.

On the 23d March, 1857, a similar advertisement was made for proposals for binding the Congressional Globe and Appendix for the 3d session of the 34th Congress, "in two volumes—one of about 1,200 and the other about 500 pages," and the following proposals were received :

Names.	Price per volume.	Awarded to—
	<i>Cents.</i>	
Edward Lycett	50	
L. G. Thomas.....	50	
W. Pettibone	60	
John Pettibone.....	48½	
J. W. Arnold & Co.....	40	
E. Jones.....	46½	
Nalley & Barrett.....	49¼	
F. G. Gibson.....	54	
J. H. Glover and J. H. Roberts.....	39	
T. F. Stewart.....	39	
J. Tretler.....	60	
J. P. McKean.....	40	
A. Sergeant.....	48	
G. S. Gideon.....	55	
T. M. Triplett.....	43	
J. Espey, (for 1 vol.).....	39½	John Espey.
Do... (for Appendix).....	38	John Espey.
M. A. Dubois.....	60	

Mr. Espey being the lowest bidder, (his proposals averaging $38\frac{3}{4}$ cents for each of the *two* volumes,) a contract was entered into with him for binding the two volumes at those rates. The work has been done and paid for accordingly.

In view, therefore, of the fact that the binding of the Congressional Globe and Appendix for the 34th Congress was submitted to open and fair competition, and that the parties concerned willingly agreed to execute it at prices named by themselves, the committee cannot recommend any further allowance for that work, but do recommend that the resolution do not pass.

Mr. Kasey being the lowest bidder, his proposals averaging 88 cents for each of the two volumes, a contract was entered into with him for binding the two volumes at those rates. The work has been done and paid for accordingly.

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